lute, the method including the further step of operating the modulating control valve.

39 (New).\ Solvent obtained by the method of Claim 18.

REMARKS

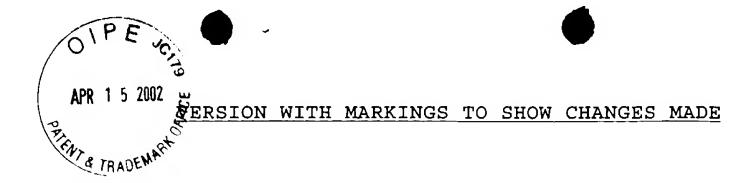
This is a preliminary Amendment to the above-identified patent application. The amendments are made to correct certain informalities and/or clerical errors in the original application, as filed.

Specifically, due to a printing error, the last two lines of paragraph [0061] were inadvertently omitted. By this Amendment, that paragraph has been completed.

Also, due to a printing error, the last two lines of Claim 35 were omitted. By this Amendment, Claim 35 has been amended accordingly.

Finally, new Claims 36-39, which should have been included, have been added.

The amendments made to the present application do not present new matter. For example, the amendments to paragraph [0061] are fully supported in the parent application, International Application No. PCT/GB00/03351, filed September 1, 2000, from which the present continuation application claims priority. In addition, it is noted that International Application No. PCT/GB00/03351 has



IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In summary, the advantages of the invention include: simple control of the distribution of inventory of solvent in a closed loop system; ability to combine solvent receiver with condenser and thereby save cost of the vessel; control over temperature of solvent being fed to the extraction system.

IN THE CLAIMS:

35 (Amended). An assembly according to Claim 34, wherein the variable is selected from:

point of the lute and at the inlet to the heat exchanger.

the pressure of solvent vapour fed to the heat exchanger;
the temperature of fluid at a chosen location in the assembly;
the difference between solvent pressure values at the low

been incorporated by reference at, for example, page 6, paragraph [0020] of the present application.

Support for the amendment to claim 35 may be found near the end of paragraph [0028] of the specification. Support for new Claims 36-39 may be found at paragraphs [0029]-[0030] of the specification, as well as in the detailed description of the invention, beginning at paragraph [0038] of the specification.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that no fee is due with this Amendment. If a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50/1039. A duplicate copy of this page is hereby submitted.

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